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SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRAVEL SAMUEL HADDAD, AIFLD/ W REGIONAL DIRECTOR

REF: STATE 143660 (NOTAL); NASSAU 593 (NOTAL)

1. SUBJECT PROPOSES TRAVEL TO POS MAY 23 VIA PAA 295 FOR MEETING
OF CCL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE AT INVITATION OF NATHANIEL CRITCHLOW,
NEWLY ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CCL. STATED PURPOSE TO DISCUSS WITH CCL
OFFICIALS MOVE OF CCL HQS TO BARBADOS AND NEED TO SELECT NEW AIFLD
CPD

NOW THAT OTTO SILVA HAS RESIGNED TO RETURN TO BALTIMORE. (FYI: WE
UNDERSTAND SILVA' S LEAVE OF ABSENCE RECENTLY EXPIRED AND HIS
COMPANY
DECLINED TO EXTEND IT). ALSO, HADDAD WISHES DISCUSS WITH CCL FUTURE
AIFLD PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES IN CARIBBEAN AREA WITH NEWLY ELECTED CCL
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OFFICIALS AND CHOICE OF NEW CCL SECRETARY- GENERAL TO REPLACE GASTON
BENJAMIN WHO HAS RESIGNED.

2. FOR NASSAU. HADDAD REGRETS HE WAS UNABLE TO COMPLETE TRIP TO BAHAMAS
AS OUTLINED REFTELS. HE HAD PLANNED TO VISIT NASSAU MAY 25 FOLLOWING POS MEETING. HOWEVER, DUE TO YOUR COMMITMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH RESUMPTION OF TRIPARTITE TALKS, WE ASKED HIM TO POSTPONE FOR TIME BEING TRAVEL TO NASSAU.

3. COMMENT FOR POS. HADDAD' S VISIT TO POS MAY HAVE MORE SPECIFIC (THOUGH UNSTATED) PURPOSE THAN THAT OUTLINED IN PARA ONE ABOVE. DURING DEPARTMENT' S RECENT CONVERSATION WITH CARL TULL, TULL INFORMED US HE WAS LOBBYING GOTT TO PERMIT RESUMPTION OF AIFLD ACTIVITIES (BUT NOT STATIONING OF AIFLD REPRESENTATIVE) IN TRINIDAD. SINCE TULL ACCOMPANIED BILL DOHERTY ON LATTER' S RETURN FLIGHT TO U. S. FROM CURACAO CCL REGIONAL MEETING, TULL' S EFFORTS UNDOUBTEDLY DISCUSSED AND HADDAD MAY INTEND TO EXPLORE T& T POSSIBILITIES MORE FULLY WITH UNION PERSONNEL. WHILE DEPARTMENT AND AID/ W HAVE NOT DISCUSSED THE TULL CONVERSATION WITH HADDAD, WE REMAIN CONFIDENT THAT AIFLD/ W FULLY AWARE THAT NO AIFLD PROGRAM IN T& T IS POSSIBLE UNTIL T& TLC MAKES ITS OWN OVERTURES TO THE GOTT FOR APPROVAL OF AIFLD ACTIVITIES THERE. AIFLD ALSO STATES IT RECOGNIZES AND INTENDS TO ABIDE WITH SPECIAL PROVISION 12 IN THE CARIBBEAN ANNEX TO THE AIFLD REGIONAL CONTRACT WHICH REQUIRES PRIOR WRITTEN APPROVAL FROM EMBASSY POS BEFORE AIFLD CAN RESUME ANY T& T IN- COUNTRY ACTIVITIES.

4. FOR BRIDGETOWN. DUE SCHEDULED CHANGE IN CCL HEADQUARTERS LOCATION FROM TRINIDAD
TO BARBADOS, HADDAD MAY STOP IN BRIDGETOWN EN ROUTE HOME TO DISCUSS
CCL ACTIVITIES WITH WALCOTT, BWU. ETA ESTIMATED MAY 25 VIA OPEN FLIGHT.
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